

Appl. No. 09/353,537
Amdt. dated 9/9/03
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2664

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Per our recent discussions, the Examiner has requested a terminal disclaimer for claim 1 of the present application, in light of claim 18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,167,434, owned by the same inventor. In response, a terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith.

The undersigned would also like to reiterate that the following is list of related patent applications:

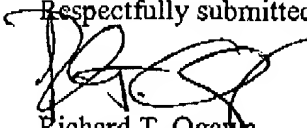
App. No. 09/116691, filed 7/15/1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,493,007, 12/10/2002;
a continuation: App. No. 10/269845, filed 10/10/2002, now pending;
App. No. 09/116314, filed 7/15/1998, now abandoned;
App. No. 09/116690, filed 7/15/1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,167,434, 12/26/2000;
App. No. 09/354380, filed 07/14/1999, now abandoned.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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